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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: **Satoshi ASANO et al.** Group Art Unit: **1742**

Application Number: **10/681,319** Examiner: **Kathleen A. McNelis**

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For: **PROCESS FOR SEPARATION/RECOVERY OF PLATINUM GROUP METALS**

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated June 12, 2006 for 1 month from September 12, 2006 to October 12, 2006.

Attached please find a check in the amount of $120.00 for the cost of the extension. If any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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